

COPPER

TRADITIONALLY REFERRED TO AS AKAGANE IN JAPAN, COPPER IS:

- The earliest metal human beings ever used.
- A material whose essence is conductivity—of heat, electricity, and information, among other things.
- A material associated with divinity in Japan used for things such as Buddhist statues and shrine buildings.

TAKING CARE OF COPPER ITEMS

- We are always happy to share know-how about maintenance.
- We can fix our copper items in almost any condition.
- Copper items change their colors and patterns naturally.

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Tazen official website
(at the moment available
in Japanese only):



Our items are avail-
able for international
shipping here:

Copper Craft Workshop and Learning Program

We offer a one-time workshop for anyone interested in experiencing copper craft and more systematized curriculum for those who wish to learn the craft more seriously. Feel free to inquire us about more details!

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TAZEN

ABOUT TAZEN

HISTORY

Founded in 1596, Zenzo Tanaka, the founder of Tazen, was invited to Sendai from Osaka by Masamune Date. When Zenzo's ability impressed the famous lord in the copper craft. It was before Sendai itself came into existence. Tazen's work has continually evolved around copper for more than 420 years, changing form to meet the demands of the time. Now, Tazen is revisiting its roots in copper craft, combining 400 years of tradition with contemporary sensibility.



御銅師 ZEN TANAKA



Zen Tanaka is the 19th generation on-aka-gane-shi (御銅師: the official copper artisan who handles governmental and religious important copper works) in Tazen, revisiting the company's tradition as the family of a copper artisan. He has trained as a copper artisan since his youth. He has mastered various copper techniques and has a reputation for skillfully blending innovative design and traditional craftsmanship.

TAZEN'S COPPERWARE

STANDARD ITEMS

Everyday usability and the unique aesthetic of copper coexist in Tazen's standard items. They include sake cups, plates, and pitchers, among other items, featuring functionality, stark design, and a relatively accessible price point. They are all handmade by Tazen artisans, combining old and new copper craft techniques.



MADE-TO-ORDER ITEMS

Making the most of copper's properties and being handmade, Tazen has produced numerous made-to-order copper items, from traditional decorations for a significant historical building to cooking tools for culinary professionals. Feel free to inquire us about anything if you have something in mind.



WORKING WITH RESTAURANTS

Tazen has worked with several restaurants, coordinating on a B2B basis, coordinating tableware, tea ware, sake-ware, hotpot, and more for lease or purchase. As a specialist in copper, we combine our knowledge with chefs' expertise to help them offer new culinary experiences.

